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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An inertia locking mechanism for a vehicle door latch, comprising:

a release lever;

a transmission lever acting as an inertia device and including a projection, wherein the transmission lever forms a part of a transmission path that transmits an unlatching movement from the release lever to release a latch bolt of the vehicle door latch, and wherein inertia in the transmission lever causes an interruption in the transmission path in response to an acceleration force above a predetermined level; and

a guide structure that controls return of the transmission lever to a normal operating position, wherein the guide structure is a slot. The inertia locking mechanism of claim 8, wherein the slot is disposed on a latch chassis that guides movement of the projection.

10. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot has a linear slot portion and an arcuate slot portion.

11. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot is substantially U-shaped.

12. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot is substantially triangle-shaped.

13-15. (Cancelled)

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16. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door latch mechanism, comprising:
a release lever;
an inertia device operably coupled to the release lever, wherein the inertia device is a part of the vehicle door latch; and a latch chassis, wherein the inertia device forms at least a part of a transmission path that transmits an unlatching movement from the release lever to release a latch bolt of a vehicle door latch, wherein the inertia device and is displaced relative to a remainder of the latch mechanism in response to an acceleration force above a predetermined level such that the inertia device moves to interrupt the transmission path, and wherein the transmission path is restored by actuation of the release lever; and
a latch chassis.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 1722, wherein the transmission lever acts as the inertia device.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door latch mechanism, comprising:
a release lever;
an inertia device operably coupled to the release lever, wherein the inertia device forms at least a part of a transmission path that transmits an unlatching movement from the release lever to release a latch bolt of a vehicle door latch and is displaced relative to a remainder of the latch mechanism in response to an acceleration force above a predetermined level such that the inertia device moves to interrupt the transmission path, wherein the transmission path is restored by actuation of the release lever and includes a transmission lever pivotally mounted to the release lever, the transmission lever including the vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 17, further comprising a projection on the transmission lever and;
a latch chassis, wherein a slot is disposed on the latch chassis to guide movement of the projection.

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23. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot has a linear slot portion and an arcuate slot portion.
24. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot is substantially U-shaped.
25. (Original) The vchicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot is substantially triangle-shaped.
26. (Cancelled)